

A SKETCH.

The only event with which familiarity does not produce indifference is Death. The only event certain to occur to all men, is the very one from which nature most universally recoils in horror. The witnessing does not render it less hideous; the impossibility of avoiding it, less terrible. To all, to the brave as to the timid, to the weak as to the strong, to the christian as to the wicked; the parting of soul and body is an awful, an overwhelming event. The heart is palsied, the mind staggers in the vain effort to comprehend its import or to grasp its result. "That great change which cometh upon all men," finds all men alike unknowing of its nature. Faith may be firm, hope unflinching; but knowledge is denied us, and we leap into the grave ignorant of the scenes which shall hail our waking.

We have seen a number of deaths—not many, for we have no taste for the horrible—yet we never saw the stern messenger met with so frightful a mixture of defiance and awe, courage which would have proudly confronted a living foe, and abject dread of an unknown and avenging future, than in the case of a man whose last moments we watched on an occasion not very remote.

We were walking along Jefferson street one evening, when we were met by a friend, a physician, who suggested to us a visit to a "queer patient" of his, as he called him, who was lying on a flat boat, or sort of Ark, tied up at the upper landing.

After threading our way through numerous piles of lumber and wares, and over a rickety foot-path of planks connecting the deck with the shore, we found ourselves in the cabin of the boat. It was roofed with rough boards, and was partially illumined by a tall candle stuck in a bottle, and a few smouldering embers, half extinguished, upon a sort of extemporaneous hearth near the stern. A few crazy chairs, a table, and here and there piles of household goods, bedding, &c., were the sole contents of the cabin, if we except a bunk or cot bedstead placed about mid-ship, and from which occasional deep, half-suppressed groans announced both the presence and the anguish of the patient.

Removing the candle from its place the Doctor proceeded to the bed-side, and the smoky light fell full upon the features of the dying man, for such he evidently was. On the opposite side stood a woman, his wife as we correctly conjectured, holding an infant some six months old in her arms, and by turns answering the questions of the Doctor and soothing the fretfulness of the child. She was by no means a heroine for a romance, her red eyes and face, and her relaxed, expressionless features indicating too plainly the effect of gross intemperance or an originally degraded intellect and a coarse person.

"He hasn't spoke none, sir, since you were here afore, but he keeps groaning all the time. I don't see what good it does to do that neither," she added gruffly, giving no amicable glance at the sufferer.

After some trouble the physician obtained an account of the symptoms of a more satisfactory character. He examined the patient carefully, the latter eyeing him with intense eagerness, yet without speaking a word. At length the Doctor restored the arm to its place, after counting the pulse, and taking a chair he motioned to us to follow his example. His look and manner were not lost upon the sick man. He saw in them the withdrawal of all hope, and with a cry that spoke volumes of despair, turned over to die.

The woman seated herself at the foot of the bed, and there watched with stupid indifference the gradual unloosing of the cords of life, snapping one by one.

A few moments of labored and stentorous breathing on the part of the patient were followed by a wild, maddened effort of vigor, the last struggle of exhausted nature.

Raising himself on his elbow he glared fiercely at the physician.—"Well! he shrieked rather than said, 'what shall I take? Speak! I can pay you! Give me medicine! Why the hell! it don't do you nothing?'"

The Doctor made no answer.

"You don't mean that you can do nothing for me, do you? You don't give me up, do you? Come now, Doctor," he added, with a gasping attempt to smile, "don't try to scare me! You see you can't do it. Give me something to cure the pain here, and here, and here," and he pressed his hands on as many different portions of his almost paralyzed person.

After a brief interval of silence, during which he did not seem to expect an answer, he demanded with startling vehemence, and in a voice unnaturally deep and cavernous.

"You don't mean that I am dying, eh?"

"It is my duty to say, sir, that you have not five minutes to live," replied the distressed physician.

The sufferer glared at him with a

cold, stony, look for a moment, and then turning his gaze round they encountered the face of his wife.

"What do you here? Away with her. D—n her, but for her I would not be as I am." Here the frightened child commenced screaming. "Take the brat away! Can't I even die in peace?" he added savagely, and with a look that proved that had he the power he would soon have quitted its complaints forever.

"To die!" he continued, as he fell back on his bed, "well, what of that? Every body has to die, and I among the rest—but not now, not now!—Doctor, you must save me. Who says I must die? No, no, I am better a ready; I will get up! and he made an abortive attempt to rise, falling helplessly back. "Is there a preacher in this place? A preacher! What do I want with him? No, no—none of that trumpery for me. I'll die game, that I will," and he glared around him with an expression of ghastly exultation. "It can't be true, what the parsons tell us about—but if it is! and the poor wretch hid his face in the bedclothes and moaned with horror. "Doctor, can you pray, or you?" he continued after a pause, "pray for me then for me! But no—d—n your prayers—they can do me no good—it's too late now—besides, who's afraid? If I must die, I must, and I'll die like—like—like—"

"A hopeless, despairing creature!" one might have added, as he rolled over on his side and with a faint, convulsive struggle, was dead.

We hurried from the cabin horror-struck at what we had witnessed; and we have thought a description of the scene might not prove unwelcome to some who do not reflect upon the real frequency of such in our midst or the lessons which they teach.—*Memphis Appeal.*

The New York Courier & Enquirer has the following explanation of the retirement of Lord Palmerston from the British ministry.

"Lord Palmerston's retiring from the British ministry, appears to have excited very great attention in England; and speculation is rife as usual, as to its cause. Now let us guess a little as to what it means. Two years ago, we were on the verge of war with England in relation to Nicaragua; but the public knew nothing of it. The question then was in London, whether Palmerston should or should not retire, on the ground that he was so committed, that there could not possibly be a satisfactory arrangement with this country in relation to the Mosquito question, if he continued in the Cabinet. We know more on this subject than it is prudent to write. Suffice it to say, that the attempt was made to settle the Mosquito question with us, and still retain Lord Palmerston in the Cabinet.

"Well, the attempt has failed, as it was predicted it inevitably must do; and now, when the demands of our Administration in connection with the Prometheus affair, are presented in Downing street, the old question arises—'Shall we retain Palmerston and go to war with the United States, or thrust him out and preserve the peace of the world?' The decision has been in favor of peace, and Palmerston has retired."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.

Senate.—The chair laid before the Senate yesterday the following message from the President, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Senate of the United States: I transmit to the Senate a report of the Secretary of State relative to the prisoners belonging to the expedition of Lopez, who were taken prisoners in Cuba and afterwards sent to Spain, and who have now been pardoned and released by her Catholic Majesty. The appropriation, the expediency of which is suggested in the report, I cordially commend to the consideration of Congress, with the single additional suggestion, that, to be available, it should be promptly made.

MILLARD FILLMORE.

Jan. 5, 1852.

To the President of the United States: The Secretary of State has the honor to acknowledge a copy of the despatch of the 12th ult., addressed to this Department by Mr. Barringer, the Minister of the United States at Madrid, announcing the pardon and release, by Her Catholic Majesty, of the prisoners taken in Cuba in the expedition of Lopez, and afterwards sent to Spain; together with copies of several accompanying papers.

The Secretary of State suggests to the President the propriety of recommending to Congress the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of defraying the expenses which may have been, or may be, incurred in administering to the necessities of those persons while in Spain, and their return to the U. S.

Their condition is forlorn and deplorable, and such as calls for immediate relief. Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL WEBSTER.

HENRY CLAY.

Tom Marshall, in a late letter to the Louisville Journal, thus holds forth in relation to Mr. Clay.

"He owes less of his commanding influence to other men than any great leader I have ever known or of whom I have ever read. He consults nobody, leans upon nobody, he fears nobody. He wears nature's patent of nobility forever upon his brow. He stalks among men with an unanswerable and never doubting air of command. His sweeping and imperial pride, his indomitable will, his unquailing courage challenge from all submission or combat. With him there can be no neutrality. Death, tribute or the knot, is his motto.—Great in speech, great in action, his greatness is all his own.

He is independent alike of history or the schools—he knows little of either and despises both—his ambition, his spirit and his eloquence are all great, natural and entirely his own. If he is like any body, he does not know it. He has never studied models, and if he had, his pride would rescue him from the fault of imitation. He stands among men in towering and barbaric grandeur, and all the hardened rudeness of perfect originality, independent of the polish and beyond the reach of art. His vast outline and grand but undefined proportions, liken him to a huge mass of granite torn in some convulsion of nature from a mountain's side, which any effort of the chisel could only disfigure, and which no instrument in the sculptor's studio could grasp or comprehend.

One thousand tons of tobacco are annually squirted over the face of creation, and twenty tons of ivory are worn out chewing the weed every seven years.

The following we find among the intelligence from Mexico in the New Orleans Crescent:

On the 1st December a portion of the inhabitants of Zacatlan seized upon Vicente M. Garcia and Manuel Burgos, curates of that place, and also Manuel Gomez, who endeavored to assist the priests in defending themselves, carried them to the banks of an adjacent river, beat them to death with clubs and threw their corpses into the river.

AVARICE.—The accumulation of wealth for its own sake, brings with it its own punishment, in the drying up of every fount of human affection within us, in the disruption of every tie with which the charities of life are bound, and in the conversion of the heart into a substance 'harder than the nether millstone.'

FEMALE DOCTORS.—The first commencement for conferring the Degree of M.D. in the female Medical College, was held at the Musical fund Hall, Philadelphia, on last Wednesday.—The exercises were very interesting, and witnessed by a large and intelligent audience. Eight ladies had the degree of M.D. conferred upon them: Mrs. Hannah E. Longshore, of Phila; Miss Anna M. Longshore, of Bucks County; Mrs. Angenetta A. Hunt, of New York; Mrs. Martha M. Swain, of Boston; Ann Preston, Phoebe Way, and Susannah H. Ellis, all of Chester County; and Mrs. Frances G. Mitchell, of Philadelphia.

OBITUARY.

"The trees of their leaves may be left
In winter alone on the hill
But still a fond few will be left,
To flatter and cling to them still."

Though applied to the condition of the forest, yet how mournfully applicable are these lines to the condition of the human family, save this exception: the trees have regular seasons to be stripped of their verdure, yet

"All seasons are thine, O! Death,"
And though "brown autumn" may strip the trees of their leaves yet there remain a few to flutter in every passing zephyr. So it is with parents! Death may enter the quiet family circle and snatch from their embrace, a cherished son or daughter, yet there remain those who will cheer and so-lace them in their ultimate descent to the tomb.

These reflections were elicited by the death of HENRY CHESTNUT, son of James Chestnut, Esq., in the 20th year of his age. He has fallen a victim of that dread scourge of humanity, known by Physicians under the title of Typhoid or Winter Fever. Every means which sympathizing friends and relatives could devise were used to effect his recovery, but all in vain. And on Saturday the 17th instant, he calmly took his final yet mournful exit into the spirit world! The Heavenly fiat was issued, the demands of which nothing could satisfy save the life of his youth. He was buried in the cemetery of the city, and the portals of Paradise were opened and the angel of Eternity appeared and bid his soul retire from all earthly scenes. He now rests in the silent vault, there to remain until waked by the shrill sound of the trumpet in the judgment morn. Hugh was a pattern of morality, worthy of all emulation, and well may his brothers and sisters mourn his untimely end. But may they all adopt the language of the writer of this humble tribute to departed merit, and say,

Accept this tribute brother
In deep affliction given,
Receive this humble vow,
"I'll meet thee high in Heaven."

J. M. V.

CANDIDATES.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce B. P. COBB as a candidate for County Court Clerk for McMinn county, at the ensuing March election.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce T. S. RICE, Esq., as a candidate for County Court Clerk for McMinn co., at the ensuing March election.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce WILLIAM GEORGE, as a candidate for County Court Clerk for McMinn county, at the March election, 1852.

☞ We are authorized to announce JOHN L. BRIDGES as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court for McMinn County, at the election in March next.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce JOHN HANKS as a candidate for County Court Clerk for McMinn county at the ensuing March election.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce J. W. MILLER, as a candidate for County Court Clerk for McMinn county, at the ensuing March election.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce D. F. JAMESON, Esq., as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of McMinn county, at the ensuing March election.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce A. BARB, Esq., as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Trustee for McMinn county, at the next March election.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce Gen. JAMES T. LANE, as a candidate for County Court Clerk for McMinn county, at the ensuing March election.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce GEO. W. MAYO, Esq., as a candidate for Circuit Court Clerk for McMinn county, at the ensuing March election.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce DAVID L. HUTSELL, as a candidate for County Court Clerk for McMinn county at the election in March, 1852.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce WILLIAM BURNS, a candidate for County Court Clerk, at the election in March next.

☞ We are authorized and requested to announce MATTHEW HARDEN, as a candidate for County Court Clerk for McMinn county at the ensuing March election.

☞ We are authorized to announce THOMAS VAUGHAN, as a candidate for County Court Clerk of McMinn county, at the ensuing March election.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to this office for subscriptions, advertising, or job work, are hereby notified that they must pay up without further delay. We need money to meet the liabilities we have incurred during the past year, and cannot be expected to wait always with those who are in arrears.

SAM. P. IVINS.

ANOTHER SCIENTIFIC WONDER!—Dr. J. S. Houghton's Pepsin, The True Digestive Fluid, or Gastric Juice, prepared from Rennet, or the Fourth Stomach of the Ox, after directions of Baron Liebig, the great Physiological Chemist, by J. S. Houghton, M. D., Philadelphia. This is truly a wonderful remedy for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Liver Complaint, Constipation, and Debility, curing after Nature's own method, by Nature's own Agent, the Gastric Juice. Pamphlets, containing Scientific evidence of its value, furnished by agents gratis. See notice among the medical advertisements.

COMMERCIAL.

ATLANTA MARKET.
Prepared for the Post by James E. Williams,
COMMISSION MERCHANT, ATLANTA, GA.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 19, 1852.
Corn 75 to 80c per bu. (sacks returned).
Meal 75 to 80c " " "
Oats 50 to 55c " " "
Pork—Salted, 9 to 10c.
Lard 11 to 12c.
Butter—Fresh 15 to 18c.
Eggs 20c.
Feathers 33c.
Irish Potatoes \$1 per bu.
Peas 75c.
Dried Fruit—no demand.

Sale of Valuable Property.

PURSUANT to a decree of the Circuit Court of Monroe county, Tenn., in the case of Eakin and Wright, Administrators, &c., vs. The Widow and Heirs of Parker Hood, dec'd. I will offer for sale to the highest bidder on Monday, the 1st day of March next, at the Court-house door in Nashville, the following Town Lots, viz: Two undivided thirds of Lots No. 33 and 34, known as the Tavern property. Also, the entire interest in Lot No. 59 and a part of the West end of Lots No. 14 and 15, according to the plan of said town. Also, one Tract of Land containing Seventy Acres, more or less, being part of the 4th quarter, 4th section, 4th township, and 2d range, East of the Meridian, Hiwassee District, situate in the 8th Civil District of Monroe county. A credit of twelve months will be given, the purchaser giving bond and security, and a lien retained until the purchase money is paid.

[It is understood that the purchaser can secure the remaining interest in the Tavern property on the same terms.]

E. E. GRIFFITH, Clerk.
Jan. 19, 1852.—4t 184

All the personal property belonging to the estate of the said Parker Hood, dec'd., will be sold at the same time, on the premises, and on the same terms as above, except for sums under five dollars.

W. L. EAKIN,
J. I. WRIGHT,
Administrators.
Jan. 19, 1852.—4t 174

250 SACKS Salt just received on consignment, and for sale low for Cash down, by G. W. ROSS & CO. 167

RAILROAD HOUSE,

ATHENS, TENN.

THE subscriber respectfully announces to the traveling public that he has opened the above house for the accommodation of all who may give him a call. His House is situated in a convenient part of the town, and he hopes by close attention to business to receive a liberal share of public patronage. An Omnibus always in waiting at the Depot, on the arrival of the Cars from Dalton, to convey passengers and baggage, free of charge.

P. K. WHETSELL.
Athens, Jan. 23, 1852.—1f 174

\$1000 Reward!

WILL be given in good Cash Notes due next Christmas, for the delivery to me of Thomas S. Farmer's, in Meigs county, Tenn., of my Negro girl, MISSOURI, who was forcibly taken from my possession in Folk county, Missouri, together with all my other property. The above reward will be given by me for her delivery to me as above, but I do not wish her placed in any jail in the United States.

ROBERT STOCKTON.
Jan. 23, 1852.—3t 174

Notice.

IN obedience to a decretal order of the County Court of Meigs county, I will sell for Cash at the Court house in the town of Decatur, on the first day of March next, one NEGRO BOY named Wesley aged about nineteen years, to satisfy the debts of the estate of John W. Eaton, deceased.

JOHN SEABOURN,
Commissioner, &c.
Jan. 16, 1852.—7t Prs fee \$2 50 173

DENTISTRY.

DR. WM. H. COLLINS,

HAVING permanently located in Athens, Tenn., where he can at all times be found at his Office or Athens Hotel, except absent on professional business. His office is on the South side of the Public Square, where teeth will be examined free of charge. Being thankful for the liberal share of patronage already received, he hopes to elicit the confidence of those that need the aid of a dentist. His long experience and practical knowledge justify him in assuring those who entrust their work to his care to be executed in an unexceptionable manner. Teeth filled with nothing except fine Gold Foil. Teeth will be inserted either on plate or pivot, of the finest and best quality.—Teeth Extracted in a manner not to be surpassed for safety, certainty and ease, either with or without Chloroform. All operations will be performed embracing the entire profession. Work will be executed as cheap as it is possible for good work to be done. All work insured to give entire satisfaction.

Jan. 9, 1852.—1f 172

Chancery Sale.

PURSUANT to a decree rendered in the Chancery Court at Madisonville, in the case of James Dyer, vs. James C. Jameson and others, I will, on the 16th day of February, 1852, at the Court-house door in Athens, McMinn county, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the West half of N. E. quarter of section 31, township 2d, range 1st, West. Also, 100 acres of the N. E. quarter of section 31, township 1st, range 2d, West of the meridian, His wassee District.

JAMES A. COFFIN, C. & M.
Jan. 9, 1852.—6t Prs fee \$3 172

Take Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the undersigned, either at his Store in town, or in Sweetwater valley, are earnestly requested to call and settle all open accounts for 1851, by Note or Cash; all debts of longer standing by early payments; so that the expense of collection may be avoided.

☞ The highest price will be given for Corn, Wheat, Oats, Feathers, &c.
A. McKELDIN.
Athens, Jan. 9, 1852.—1f 172

Cash for Straw!

100 LOADS of Wheat or Oats Straw wanted at the Athens Paper Mill, for which the highest price in Cash will be given.

ROBT T. GETTYS & CO.
January 16, 1852.—1f 173

State of Tennessee Bradley co.

CIRCUIT COURT, JAN. TERM, 1852.
Nancy Pickens, Robert Pickens, William K. Pickens, Charles A. Pickens, Henry B. Davis and wife Nancy Davis, Warner True and wife Martha True, Andrew Pickens, Reese Pickens, Abraham B. Neil and wife Rebecca Neil,

vs.
James T. Smith, Robert E. Smith, William R. Smith, John C. Smith, Israel Smith, Nancy B. Lowry and husband Jefferson Lowry, adult heirs of Mary Smith, deceased, and Martha Smith, Mary E. Smith and Rebecca C. Smith, minor children of the said Mary Smith, deceased, Margaret E. Smith, William A. Smith, James M. Smith, Joseph A. Smith, Israel C. Smith, and Nancy I. Smith, heirs of Dorcas Smith, deceased, all of said minors defended by their Guardian ad litem, James T. Smith.

PURSUANT to a decree made in the above cause, I will, on Saturday, the 21st day of February next, offer at public sale at the Court-house door in Cleveland, Bradley county, Tennessee, SEVEN NEGRO SLAVES, to wit: Allen, Hannah and her five children, to wit: Louisa, James, Adeline, Alexander, and Isbham. The terms of the sale will be on twelve months time, except the sum of one hundred dollars, which will be required to be paid down on the day of sale, and the balance of the purchase money must be secured with bond and approved security.

JOHN H. PAYNE, Clerk.
Jan. 16, 1852.—1ds Prs fee \$6.75 173

ATHENS HOTEL,

ATHENS, TENN.

Geo. W. Mayo

HAS removed to the large Brick Tavern on the Public Square, heretofore occupied by James S. Bridges, Esq., where he is prepared to accommodate the traveling public.

March 8, 1850.—1t 76

Notice.

THE subscriber having sold out his stock of Goods, and being determined to wind up the entire business of the concern, hereby notifies all those indebted to him, either by note or account, to come forward at once, and settle up. He has been engaged in business at this point for many years, and has endeavored to be as indulgent as possible to his customers, but the time has now arrived when he must close up all outstanding claims by collecting the Money, and he hopes he will not be compelled to sue on them.

WM H. BALLEW.
Athens, Jan. 2, 1852.—4t 171

W. F. HARRIS & CO.,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
(COTTON AVENUE.)

JACON, GA.

RECEIVE on consignment and sell all kinds of PRODUCE. Also, purchase to order, Groceries and other Merchandise, with care and promptness. Cash advances made on Produce when delivered in our Store in good order.

Jan. 2, 1852.—1t 171

Notice.

ALL those indebted to the undersigned, either by note or account, will please call and settle the same on or before the first day of February, 1852, as we are compelled to have what is due us, and will have to put it out for collection after that time.

G. W. ROSS & CO.
Jan. 9, 1852.—1t 172

New Work for the People.

AGENTS WANTED!

A COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE HUNGARIAN WAR,

Kossuth, and his Generals,

With authentic Portraits and Illustrations.

THE subscriber is now publishing the above valuable Work, and offers liberal terms to persons wishing to act as Traveling Agents in the State of Tennessee. Address, post paid, H. MANFIELD, Publisher, 134 York street, New Haven, Ct.

Jan. 2, 1852.—1t 171

A Very Desirable Farm for Sale.

THE subscriber wishes to dispose of his FARM, situated 44 miles North of Athens, on the main road leading from Kentucky to Georgia, containing about

Two Hundred and Thirty Acres.

There is on the Farm a good Dwelling House, Stables, and other out houses, good Apple and Peach Orchards. It is well watered and finely timbered, and could be made an excellent stand for stock.

The Terms will be made accommodating.

NEELY CHRISMAN.
Jan. 2, 1852.—5t 171

PRIVATE HOUSE,

Washington street, fronting the Methodist Episcopal Church.

THE subscriber will entertain those who call.

WM. BURNS.
Athens, Dec. 26, 1851.—1f 170

ALL persons indebted to S. K. Reader, either by note or account, are requested to come forward and pay the money.—Christmas is now here, the time I agreed to wait on you, and I now need the money and am determined to wait no longer. If not paid immediately you will find them in the hands of an officer for collection.

S. K. READER.
Dec. 24, 1851.—1f 170

G. W. FERRY & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

Hats, Caps, Bonnets, Straw Goods,

AND UMBRELLAS,

(MASONIC HALL BUILDINGS.)

Broad street, Augusta, Ga.

BEING connected by copartnership with one of the heaviest Manufacturers at the North, we feel assured that we can offer unusual inducements to Merchants to make their purchases of us, and we solicit an examination of our stock.

Dec. 26, 1851.—1f 170

Town Property for Sale.

THE subscriber is wishes to sell his property in the town of Athens.—There is a first rate Brick Dwelling House, and a Store House, in the business part of the town, being situated on the North west corner of the Public Square. The terms will be made accommodating. Address the subscriber, Knoxville, Tenn.

Dec. 1851. GEO. HORNE.

In Chancery at Madisonville.

Office of C. & M., JANUARY REELS, 1852

McDermott and Inglehart, Ad